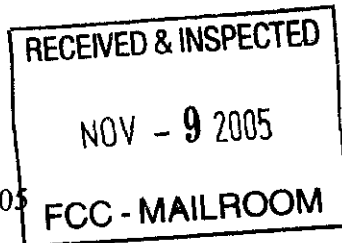


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Subject: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service - Docket 96-45

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Dear Chairman Martin,

Please support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

I am retired and I make perhaps five or six long distance calls per month to keep in touch with relatives. Under the flat fee plan you are considering, people like me would pay the same as people or businesses that make many more calls. I can't think of anything more unfair than to adopt the flat fee plan. If there is a defensible rationale for the flat fee plan, I would greatly appreciate your enlightening me.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Thomas R. Hoesman  
18267 Crystal Lakes Drive  
North Royalton, OH 44133

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**Kevin M. Watanabe**

17301 Keelson Lane #70 , Huntington Beach, California 92647

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Chairman Kevin J. Martin

445 12th St SW

Washington, DC, 20554

ORIGINAL

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Dear Chairman Martin:

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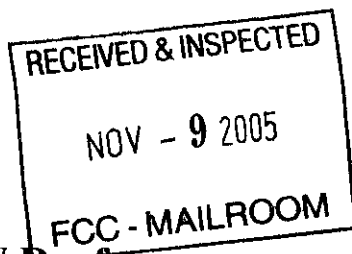
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Sincerely,

*Kevin M. Watanabe*

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**Thomas W Renfro**

9060 Larker Woods Dr., Navarre, Florida 32566-2104

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**Chairman Kevin J Martin**

**445 12th St. SW**

**Washington, DC, 20554**

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Sincerely,

Thomas W Renfroe

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340 Old Mill Road #93  
Santa Barbara, California 93110  
Nov. 1, 2005

FCC, Chairman Kevin J. Martin  
445 12th St. SW  
Washington, DC 20554

ORIGINAL

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Chairman Martin:

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I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and continue to spread the word to my community. I request you pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know how a flat fee tax could disproportionately affect many of us.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

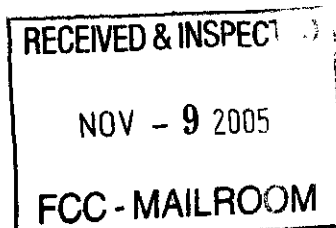


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I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and continue to spread the word to my community. I have sent this letter to my elected representatives, letting them know how a flat fee tax could disproportionately affect those in their constituencies.

I look forward to hearing about your changing your position on this matter.

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Sincerely,

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Frederick E. Faught  
22 Hurlbut Street  
Albany, NY 12209-2111

cc: Sen. Charles Schumer  
Sen. Hillary Clinton  
Rep. Michael McNulty

**Rachel Harbaugh**

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FCC

Chairman Kevin J Martin  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Rachel N. Harbaugh*  
Rachel Harbaugh

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**Clyde Stephens**

1600 Sunset St Apt 14, Fort Stockton, Texas 79755-2940

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**FCC Chairman Kevin J Martin**

**445 12th St. SW  
Washington, DC, 20554**

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Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Hutchison:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress; FCC General Email Box

Sincerely,

  
Clyde Stephens

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**Jim Ryther**

212 W. Main, Geary, Oklahoma 73040-2224

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FCC, Chairman Kevin J Martin  
445 12th St SW,  
Washington, DC, 20554.

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Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Sincerely,

Jim Ryther

cc:

FCC General Email Box

**Roger B. Frey**

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November 01, 2005

Senator Susan Collins  
U.S. Senate  
461 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Collins:

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Sincerely,

  
Roger B. Frey

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin

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November 01, 2005

Representative Mike Michaud  
U.S. House of Representatives  
437 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Michaud:

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Roger B. Frey

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin,

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**Roger B. Frey**

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November 01, 2005

Senator Olympia Snowe  
U.S. Senate  
154 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Snowe:

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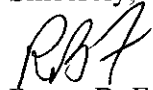
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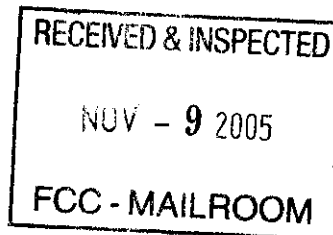
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**Benny L. Lewis**

PO Box 1033, Laurel Montana 59044



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FCC Chair Kevin Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service – Docket 96-45

Dear Chairman Martin,

I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, **regardless of how little I may use long distance.**

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies—not just phones—pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benny L. Lewis".

Benny L. Lewis  
Laurel, Montana

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